

SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY IN GORE BRIBERY CASE

McMurray Is Alleged to Have Attempted to Bribe
the Choctaw Indians for the Past
Four Years.

SENATOR CURTIS AND CONGRESSMAN MCGUIRE
DENY BEING "INTERESTED" IN CONTRACTS

Chief of Choctaws Says McMurray Offered Him
\$25,000 to Withdraw Opposition to
the Tribal Contracts.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Aug. 6.—Not only Jake L. Hamon by J. F. McMurray was named as a would-be briber in the investigation of the \$30,000,000 Oklahoma Indian land deal before the special congressional committee today.

McMurray is the holder of the contracts with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, to promote which in congress Senator Thomas P. Gore charged he was offered a bribe.

D. C. McCurtain, a Choctaw Indian and a delegate to Washington for his tribe, charged that McMurray in 1906 offered him a bribe of \$25,000 to withdraw the opposition to the old tribal McMurray contracts which were subsequently disapproved by President Roosevelt.

Tried to Bribe Indians.
Green McCurtain, chief of 18,000 Choctaws, and a venerable Indian of 62 years, then took the stand and told the committee that one George W. Scott, whom he believed acted in the interest of McMurray, had offered him one-fourth of the profits to be realized from the land, the deal providing that he induced the tribe to withdraw all opposition. This offer referred to new contracts held by McMurray, which are the cause of the present investigation.

The amount of the bribe mentioned by D. C. McCurtain, who is a son of the chief, is the same as that which Senator Gore alleged was tendered him on May 6, by Hamon, to put through the pending contracts which, according to Senator Gore, would result in the selling of 450,000 acres of coal, asphalt and timber land owned by the Indians to a New York syndicate on a basis that would give McMurray and his associates an "attorney's fee" of ten per cent, or \$2,000,000.

Curtis Denies Charge.
The presentation of the charges against McMurray followed another day of sensational testimony, in which Charles Curtis of Kansas and Congressman B. S. McGuire of Oklahoma, appeared on the stand to refute statements that were "interested" in the deal. The name of Vice-President Sherman was again mentioned and conferences held by President Taft over the McMurray contracts were referred to.

Both President Taft and Vice-President Sherman, according to Senator Curtis, had declared that the ten per cent attorney's fee asked for was excessive. The opinion was unanimous at the president's conference, he said, that in the sale of the land no attorney's assistance was needed, as the government, by treaty, already had stipulated to sell the land on its own responsibility.

Spirit of Indian War Council.
Something of a spirit of Indian war council was presented when Chief McCurtain, known as the "governor," squatted himself in a chair before the committee and, brushing the flees off his head with a large handkerchief, gave his testimony.

"A long time ago," he said, "many of the Choctaws protested against the big fees that would be allowed under the McMurray contracts. I myself sent a protest to the secretary of the interior. Just before the adjournment of the last congress, Geo. W. Scott came to my house and asked me to sign a letter. I refused to do so. Then he came again and told me to write a letter to the secretary of the interior, withdrawing my protest against the McMurray contracts.

Testimony of Indian Chief.
"When I said I would not do that,"

never had been improperly approached in regard to the contracts and he was never interested in them "to the extent of one penny."

R. L. Murray of the Chickasaw tribe, said Governor Johnson of that tribe had repeatedly urged him to induce as many Indians as possible to send telegrams to Washington to have the contracts approved which he had refused to do.

Delegate Testifies.
D. C. McCurtain, who described himself as a delegate to Washington for the Choctaw, preceded his father on the stand. He testified that before the disapproval of the old tribal contracts by President Roosevelt in 1908 and while they were still pending, he was approached by McMurray in the lobby of the Raleigh hotel at Washington. McMurray had been talking with Cecil Lyon, national Republican committeeman of Texas, but Lyon went away before the subject of the \$25,000 was discussed.

D. C. McCurtain testified:
"I met Mr. McMurray in the lobby and he said:

"You know we have a contract for the sale of the land. I said I heard it, but had never seen a copy of the contract. He said: 'We have decided we will give you \$25,000 if you will not oppose the contract.'

McMurray had \$25,000 for him. He said: 'If the secretary of the interior approves the contract in its present form we will give you \$25,000. If he scales the contract then the \$25,000 probably will be cut down accordingly. I want to talk to you further about this matter.'

"I did not see McMurray for several days, but in the meantime I got to thinking about the proposition and I knew that they were going to bring powerful political influences to bear in support of that contract. I thought maybe if I did not manifest too much opposition to that contract I would be in a position ultimately to defeat it, but if I became too antagonistic, I might have no opportunity to get my forces together and that they might in some way secure the approval of the contracts.

"Several days after that I saw McMurray in the capitol and I said:

"I have decided to accept your proposition, but I did not learn any more about the contracts by that means. The matter went on for some time and no effort was made to get the contracts approved. Then the matter went along until the constitutional convention of Oklahoma appointed a committee to investigate whether it were possible to purchase the coal lands from the Indians.

McMurray Again Active.
"McMurray became active again, he wanted to appear before this committee as the representative of the Choctaw Indians. He endeavored to obtain a written statement from Governor Johnson to the effect that McMurray represented the Choctaws and they so recognized him. McMurray came out to my house to see me. He stated he thought he was in a position to obtain a great deal of good. Then I says, 'Mr. McMurray, I don't want anything to do with your contracts.'

Mr. McMurray in an interview denied he had made the offer. He said Lyon had been financially interested with him in the contracts.

Much of Congressman McGuire's testimony related to whether he occupied part of a suite at a Washington hotel with Hamon. He said he paid for the apartment and it was the custom for his friends from Oklahoma to stop there. Hamon, he said, had stopped there two or three times. He never received financial aid from Hamon.

"Have you ever received any financial assistance from any person having a contract with the Indians?" Chairman Burke asked.

"I never have," replied Mr. McGuire.

"There never was the suggestion of aid to be given me by McMurray or any one else."

"If there any reason why Senator Gore should feel unfriendly toward you?"

"None that I know of. Yet he has done his utmost to give me a black-eye. Moreover, he has done a good deal of fabricating. He showed this in his attitude toward our efforts to secure appropriations for federal buildings at Guthrie, Blackwell and King Fisher, Oklahoma. He wrote letters saying he would do all he could to help get the buildings and then wrote letters saying he had done all he could to get them, but to a dead certainty he did all he could to have the appropriation knocked out."

Made Apartments His Home.
"How many times did Hamon stop at your apartments in Washington?"

"Well, I never locked the door at those apartments. Anybody from Oklahoma could come and make themselves at home. Hamon came there because I had known him for years, but Hamon never discussed with me the McMurray contracts."

J. Milton Turner of St. Louis, former United States minister to Liberia, testified as to his efforts to improve conditions among the negroes who live on the Indian lands.

The committee will continue its investigation at McAlester, Okla., on Monday.

MILITIA GIVE MONEY TO THE STRIKERS
COLUMBUS, Aug. 6.—The second regiment, Ohio National Guard, will give the striking street car employees of Columbus a money donation. The officers and men are now taking the matter up at their various home stations, and within a short time a contribution will be sent here. Colonel E. S. Bryant was at the state house today and said the second regiment would try to outdo the Sixth regiment soldiers and the Toledo militia, who on Friday gave the strikers \$500 in cash.

CARD OF THANKS.
To the many kind friends who so willingly and tenderly assisted us during the sickness and demise of our beloved little daughter, Frances Edith, we wish to extend our most hearty thanks, especially to the speakers and singers at the funeral. May you likewise be tenderly remembered in your hour of sorrow.

MR. AND MRS. WM. F. OGLETREE

COLONEL ROOSEVELT VISITS MINERS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA REGIONS



WILKESBARRE, Pa., Aug. 4.—Two heroes of the miners and their families of the great coal mining regions of eastern Pennsylvania, former President Theodore Roosevelt and John Mitchell, are visiting the miners and their families in the coal fields of eastern Pennsylvania. The journey of the former executive to the coal fields was unheralded, but it was not long before he was recognized by the miners and gladly escorted to their homes that he might study some of the questions of the miners, their wives and children, and seemed particularly interested in their home conditions. He told one girl that he was in favor of dances and could not see why it was not right to dance on Sunday as well as on other days. After visits to the homes, Colonel Roosevelt went to the mines where the breaker boys were snatching chunks of slate from the slow moving stream of coal. He talked with the little fellows and seemed much interested in their work. Besides John Mitchell, two women, Miss Florence Lucas Sanville and Miss Fannie Cochrane, were in the party with the distinguished leader. The women are studying conditions at the mines, and it is said that they were instrumental in persuading the colonel to visit the region.

CHICAGO MURDER MYSTERY

Police Release Miss Wilcox, the
Stenographer, After Getting
a Statement.

CRIME NOT COMMITTED
FOR ROBBERY BUT REVENGE

Money and Jewelry Found on
Body of Dr. Michaels After
the Murder.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—Inez Wilcox, a young woman stenographer, admitted to the police today that she had been at the office of Dr. William F. Michaels, in his company, until within an hour of the time he was murdered on his way home last night. Miss Wilcox was released today.

She said she had done some clerical work for the dentist, and was so occupied until 10 o'clock on the night he was slain.

She left the office at the same hour as Dr. Michaels did, parting from him at the street, she said. Half an hour later he was shot to death.

The police are without a clue as to the identity of the murderer.

"I am sure that revenge or jealousy furnished the motive," said Captain Collins, after talking with Miss Wilcox.

"Finding his watch and money proves the possibility of robbery, as does the statement of Miss Elizabeth Freedon, who saw the slayer and his victim talk together as acquaintances."

The police tonight are still without any clue to the identity of the murderer.

Dr. Michaels was no relative of the W. R. Michaels of this city who was drowned tonight at Oquaga lake, New York.

A man with toothache never suffers as much as he claims, and corn never hurts as much in hot weather as is generally said by farmers.

Advertising is not allowed on United States flags. Now let advertising be offered off circus elephants when they are parading the streets.

SOLDIERS PREVENT MEETINGS

Spanish Peanuts, Headed by
Priests Are Compelled to
Disperse.

NO ANTI-GOVERNMENT
DEMONSTRATIONS TODAY

The Pope Will Send a Letter to
King Alfonso Appealing for
Settlement of Conflict.

SAN SEBASTIAN, Aug. 6.—The city is infested with soldiers. Throughout the day groups of peasants, headed by priests, who had ignored the announcement that the manifestation had been abandoned, arrived.

When they were halted by troops, the priests disappeared, leaving their followers, who became pan-stricken, fearing they were about to be shot. They were reassured by the officers and scattered in various directions.

It is probable that there will be no disturbance here tomorrow.

Pope Appeals to King.
ROME, Aug. 6.—Notwithstanding that the anti-government demonstrations arranged for Sunday in Spain have been prohibited, the Vatican will await tomorrow's report on the situation from the different Spanish provinces before completing the note that will be forwarded in reply to Premier Canalejas.

Meanwhile, it is asserted, the Pope has sent an autograph letter to King Alfonso in England, appealing to his majesty's sense of equity and justice for a settlement of the conflict in favor of the church.

NEW YORK BANK FAILS.
NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—The European-American bank, a small institution, closed its doors today and the state superintendent of banks has declared that the institution's affairs be liquidated. The bank was organized in 1907, with a capital of \$100,000, and its deposits aggregated something like \$5,000,000. Losses incurred through poor loans is the cause of the failure.

CRIPPEN TO ATTEND SERVICES

Doctor Is a Catholic, While His
Typist Belongs to Church of
England.

PRISONERS MAY ATTEND
SEPARATE SERVICES

The Dentist Will Receive the
Regular Prison Bill of Fare
Today.

QUEBEC, Aug. 6.—Dr. Crispin and Miss Leneve will spend their first Sunday in prison tomorrow and preparations have been made to enable each to enjoy a part of the other, consolation of their own choice.

Crispin is a Roman Catholic and his companion is a communicant of the church of England. If they so wish, they may attend the separate services of the prison chapel.

The regular Sunday bill of fare in the prison is oatmeal, for breakfast and dinner and bread and water for luncheon. On week days the prisoners have meat and potatoes for dinner. Crispin will fare somewhat better for out of the scanty sum found on him at his arrest, he is buying a quart of milk today. The girls physical condition requires better food than the regular prison menu.

BREVITIES.
Miss Frances Rerfield, 955 Twenty-fifth street, in company with a friend from Salt Lake, left last evening for a week's camping in Yellowstone park.

Mrs. Ben Tyree, 180 Twenty-first street, returned yesterday from Salt Lake where she has been spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. F. E. Clark, who has been seriously ill following an operation in a Salt Lake hospital.

POST SEASON GAMES.
CLEVELAND, Aug. 6.—President Charles Somers of the Cleveland Baseball club announced today that he had accepted the challenge of the Cincinnati National league club for a post season series to decide the baseball championship of Ohio.

RICE WAS KILLED BY FOREIGNER

Cleveland Police of the Opinion
that the Millionaire Lawyer
Was Victim of Revenge.

ASSASSINS LYING IN
WAIT IN THREE PLACES

Dead Man's Law Partners Offer
\$3,000 for Capture of the
Murderers.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 6.—A startling development in the Rice murder case came tonight with the testimony of three men, a nightwatchman, a patrolman and a chauffeur, who told how they had found a man lurking in the rear of the Rice home just prior to the murder. The man appeared to be a foreigner and fled when he was detected.

Four Shots Fired.
While refusing to make public the entire results of their investigation the police profess to have established that Mr. Rice's movements were closely watched all yesterday evening and that when he left the Gould club for his home assassins were lying in wait in at least three places.

After twenty hours work, no clues are tonight as much as at the time of William L. Rice, the millionaire lawyer, whose body was found in the roadway near his house last night.

Struck on Head and Shot.
Rice had been shot twice, struck on the head by a heavy weapon and slashed across the left hand with a knife.

The theory of robbery has been abandoned and the police now believe that the murdered man met his death at the hands of men who were seeking revenge. They are searching for an Italian golf caddy, who, it is said, had sworn vengeance against Mr. Rice for siding against him in a fight which he had with another caddy, and which resulted in his dismissal.

No Positive Clue.
Apart from this slight clue and the fact that two of the foreigners were seen in the vicinity just prior to the discovery of the body the police confess they have nothing tangible to guide them.

The body was found close to a powerful are light and although Mr. Rice carried a large sum on his person, in addition to several articles of jewelry, nothing was missing.

A reward of \$5,000 has been offered by Rice's law partners for the capture of the murderers.

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FRANCE BUYS WRIT
PARIS, Aug. 6.—The public knew war has reached a better food and a machine of the Falstaff's, on capable of carrying and that very to be added to the land that very in fleet. The machines or charged, in out of the subscription business rules raised by a 200,000,000 and 000,000,000.

SECRETARY BALLINGER DENIES
THAT SENATOR MURRAY OF
SOUGHT RESIGNATION

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League Baseball
Salt Lake
vs.
Ogden
Today, August 7
Game Will Be Called at 3:00 p. m. Sharp
GENERAL ADMISSION 25¢
GRAND STAND, EXTRA 25¢